

## Resource

Read through the information below about how events in Afghanistan unfolded. Talk about how the people who live there must have felt during these changes.



US President  
Joe Biden



US Troops in Afghanistan

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By April 2021, the Taliban had begun gaining control of areas around the country. Their takeover got quicker and quicker and Kabul, the capital city was the last major city to hold out against the Taliban, but they have now taken control there.

Fighters have taken control of the president's palace and the former president, Ashraf Ghani has fled to neighbouring country Uzbekistan.



A map of Afghanistan and the neighbouring countries

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For 20 years, the United States have supported the government in Afghanistan that was put in place following the war there.

US president Joe Biden announced in April 2021 that all American forces would leave the country by 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021.



Presidential Palace, Kabul (taken in 2020)

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At the end of August 2021, the UK and the US announced that all of their troops had left Kabul. More than 15,000 people have been evacuated by the UK since 14<sup>th</sup> August. Those who left include 5,000 British nationals and more than 8,000 Afghans who worked for the UK and their families.

Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen says the Taliban has learnt from some of its missteps when it was in power the first time round in the 1990s and has promised "an inclusive government in which all Afghans will have participation."